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In re Application of  
Mace, et al. :  
Application No. 10/617,124 : DECISION ON  
Filed: July 9, 2003 : PETITION  
Attorney Docket No. 501329.01 :

This is in response to the petition to withdraw the holding of abandonment under 37 CFR 1.181, filed March 6, 2006.

The petition under 37 CFR 1.181 is GRANTED.

The holding of abandonment is WITHDRAWN.

The above-identified application was held abandoned for failure to timely file a reply to the non-final Office action mailed July 20, 2005. No response having been received, the above-identified application became abandoned on October 21, 2005. A Notice of Abandonment was mailed on January 27, 2006.

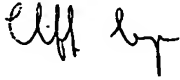
Petitioner has supplied a copy of an Amendment, bearing a Certificate of Transmission under 37 CFR 1.8 dated January 19, 2006. In addition, a review of Office records reveals that the Office previously received the fee for a three month extension of time.

In view of the above, the holding of abandonment is withdrawn.

Given the basis for granting this petition, no petition fee was required.

The application file is being forwarded to Group Art Unit 3644 for consideration of the Amendment filed January 23, 2006, a copy of which has been supplied with the instant petition.

Telephone inquiries related to this decision should be directed to the undersigned at 571-272-3207.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Cliff Congo".

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